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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PDIP, PINR, IZ
SUBJECT: NEW CHIEF OF IRAQI INTERESTS SECTION IN WASHINGTON

REF: BAGHDAD 1103

1. IRAQI COUNSELLOR IN AMMAN MUHI AL-KHATIB HAS CONFIRMED TO EMBASSY THAT HE HAS BEEN NAMED THE NEW CHIEF OF THE IRAQI INTEREST SECTION IN WASHINGTON. HE SAID THAT HE IS ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT AND COMMENTED THAT HE HOPED UNDERSECRETARY HABIB'S EFFORTS ON RECENT VISIT TO IRAQ TO STRENGTHEN U.S./IRAQI RELATIONS WILL BEAR FRUIT.

2. EMBASSY HAS HAD LITTLE CONTACT WITH KHATIB BUT FINDS HIM PLEASANT AND SOCIALLY OUTGOING. HE INDICATED THE MAJOR PORTION OF HIS CAREER HAS BEEN SPENT IN PROTOCOL WORK IN BAGHDAD, PRIMARILY IN DEALING WITH PROBLEMS FACED BY FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS. HE IMPLIED THAT HE IS QUITE AWARE OF THE PROBLEMS THAT THE BAATH PARTY ATTITUDES CREATE FOR FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS IN BAGHDAD.

3. KHATIB WILL BE LEAVING AMMAN SHORTLY TO ASSUME DUTIES IN WASHINGTON WE BELIEVE IN SEPTEMBER.

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4. KHATIB'S WIFE HAS JUST RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN ORIENTAL STUDIES FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF JORDAN. SHE IS HOPING TO CONTINUE WORK FOR A PHD DURING THEIR STAY IN WASHINGTON. BOTH KHATIB AND HIS WIFE SPEAK REASONABLY GOOD ENGLISH.
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